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Express JS –

Introductions to Web Services and REST APIs

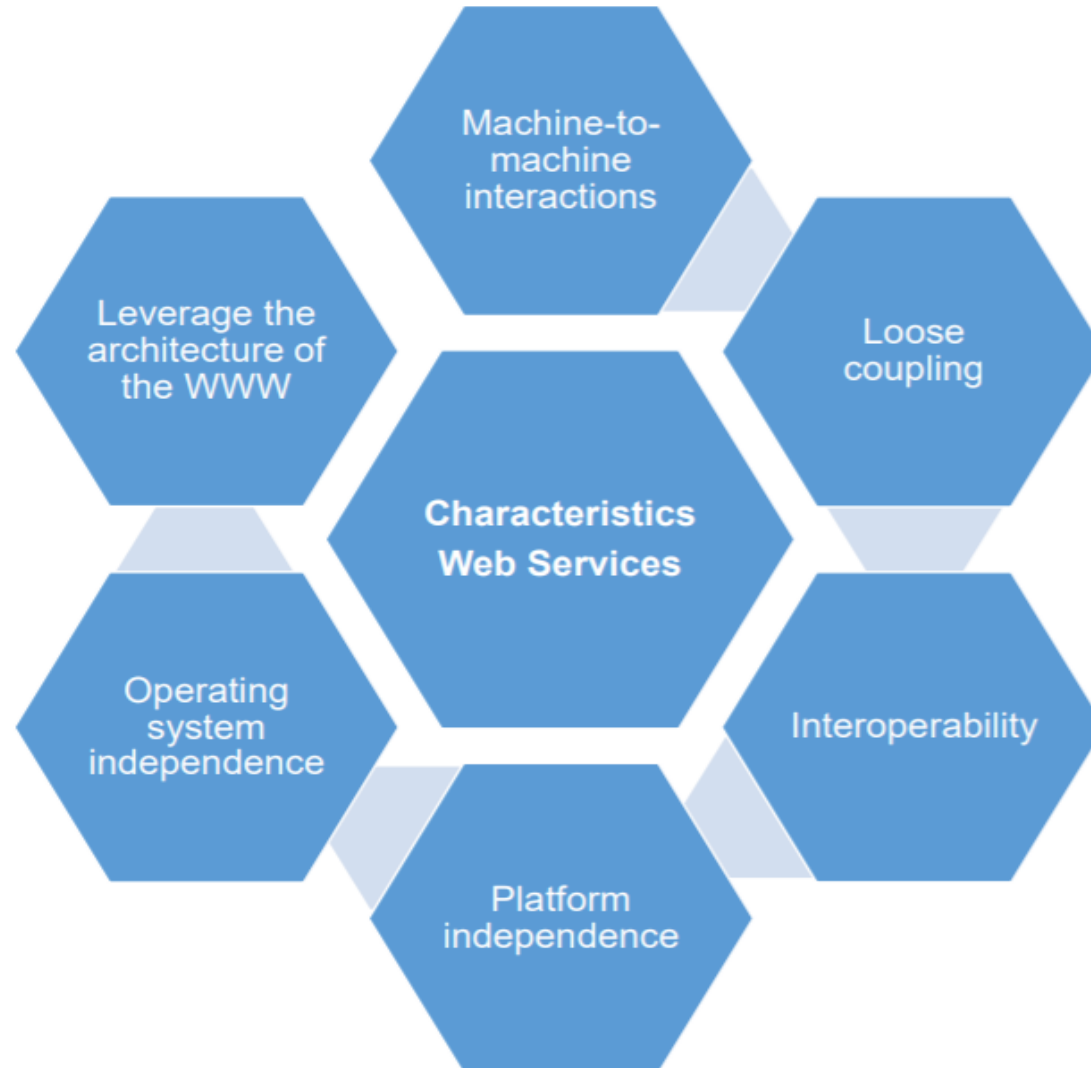
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- A Web service is a service that lives on the Web.
- The **Web** is a huge information space filled with interconnected resources.
- A **service** is an application that can be consumed by software.
- An interface hides the complexities of the internal system.
- One service can support many applications.

- A programmable application component that is accessible via standard Internet protocols.
- W3C definition: *Software system designed to support interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network.*
- A Web service is an application with a Web API.





- REST is about resources and how to represent resources in different ways.
- REST is about client-server communication.
- REST is about how to manipulate resources.
- REST offers a simple, interoperable and flexible way of writing web services that can be very different from other techniques.

- Representational State Transfer
- REST is an architecture all about the Client-Server communication .
- Guided by REST constraints (design rules).
- Based on Resource Oriented Architecture.
- A network of web pages where the client progresses through an application by selecting links.
- Requests/responses relate to representations of states of a resource.
- When client traverses link, accesses new resource (i.e., transfers state).
- Uses simple HTTP protocol.

- Client **requests** a specific **resource** from the server.
- The server **responds** to that request by delivering the requested resource.
- Server does not have any information about any client.
- So, there is no difference between the two requests of the same client.
- A model which the representations of the resources are transferred between the client and the server.
- The Web as we know is already in this form!

Resources

- Resources are consistent mappings from an identifier [such as a URL path] to some set of views on server-side state.
- Every resource must be uniquely addressable via a URI.
- “If one view doesn’t suit your needs, then feel free to create a different resource that provides a better view.”
- “These views need not have anything to do with how the information is stored on the server. They just need to be understandable (and actionable) by the recipient.” *Roy T. Fielding*

RESTful Design Specifications (Constraints)

Client-Server

- Separation of concerns - user interface vs data storage
- Client and server are independent from each other

Stateless

- Each request from client to server must contain all of the information
- No client session data or any context stored on the server

Cacheable

- Specify data as cacheable or non cacheable
- HTTP responses must be cacheable by the clients

Uniform Interface

- All resources are accessed with a generic interface (HTTP-based) which remains same for all clients.

Layered System

- Allows an architecture to be composed of hierarchical layers
- Each component cannot “see” beyond the immediate layer.

Code On-Demand

- REST allows client functionality to be extended by downloading and executing code in the form of applets or scripts.

HTTP Methods supported by REST:

GET – Requests a resource at the request URL

- Should not contain a request body, as it will be discarded.
- May be cached locally or on the server.
- May produce a resource, but should not modify on it.

POST – Submits information to the service for processing. Should typically return the new or modified resource.

PUT – Add a new resource at the request URL

DELETE – Removes the resource at the request URL

OPTIONS – Indicates which methods are supported

HEAD – Returns meta information about the request URL

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REST APIs

Table 5-1. CRUD Mapping for Collections

Operation	HTTP Method	Resource	Example	Remarks
Read – List	GET	Collection	GET /customers	Lists objects (additional query string can be used to filter)
Read	GET	Object	GET /customers/1234	Returns a single object (query string may be used to filter fields)
Create	POST	Collection	POST /customers	Creates an object, and the object is supplied in the body.
Update	PUT	Object	PUT /customers/1234	Replaces the object with the object supplied in the body.
Update	PATCH	Object	PATCH /customers/1234	Modifies some attributes of the object, specification in the body.
Delete	DELETE	Object	DELETE /customers/1234	Deletes the object

RESTful Design Considerations : Steps for designing RESTful Web Service

- Identifying resources the service will expose over the network.
- Designing the URI Templates – map URIs to resources
- Applying the Uniform HTTP Interface – options available on each resource for different user groups.
- Security Considerations – Authentication and authorization

RESTful Design Considerations : Steps for designing RESTful Web Service

- Designing the Resource Representations – XML/JSON.
- Supporting alternate Representations – XML or JSON based on filters
- Providing Resource Metadata – Ability to discover resources and options

RESTful Design Considerations : RESTful Service Implementation Considerations

- Parse the incoming request to
 - Use URI to identify the resource.
 - Identify URI variables (and map them to resource variables)
 - HTTP method used in the request (and whether it's allowed for the resource).
 - Read the resource representation
- Authenticate and authorize the user.

RESTful Design Considerations : RESTful Service Implementation Considerations

- Use all of this information to perform the underlying service logic.
- Generate an appropriate HTTP response, including
 - Proper status code
 - Description
 - Outgoing resource representation in the response entity body (if any)

REQUEST

GET /news/ HTTP/1.1

Host: example.org

Accept-Encoding: compress, gzip

User-Agent: Python- httpplib2

Here is a **GET** request to «<http://example.org/news/>»

Method = **GET**

RESPONSE

HTTP/1.1 200 Ok

Date: Thu, 07 Aug 2008 15:06:24 GMT

Server: Apache

ETag: "85a1b765e8c01dbf872651d7a5"

Content-Type: text/html

Cache-Control: max-age=3600

<!DOCTYPE HTML>

- The request is to a resource identified by a **URI**
- (**URI** = **U**nified **R**esource **I**dentifier).
- In this case, the resource is «<http://example.org/news/>»
- Resources, or addressability is very important.
- Every resource is URL-addressable.
- To change system state, simply change a resource.

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Express is a fast, assertive, essential and moderate web framework of Node.js. Acts as a layer built on the top of the Node.js that helps manage a server and routes. It provides a robust set of features to develop web and mobile applications.

Why Express JS ?

- It can be used to design single-page, multi-page and hybrid web applications.
- It allows to setup middlewares to respond to HTTP Requests.
- It defines a routing table which is used to perform different actions based on HTTP method and URL.
- It allows to dynamically render HTML Pages based on passing arguments to templates.

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Firstly, you have to install the express framework globally to create web application using Node terminal. Use the following command to install express framework globally.

```
npm install -g express
```

Use the following command to install express:

```
npm install express --save
```

The above command install express in node_module directory and create a directory named express inside the node_module.

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You should install some other important modules along with express.

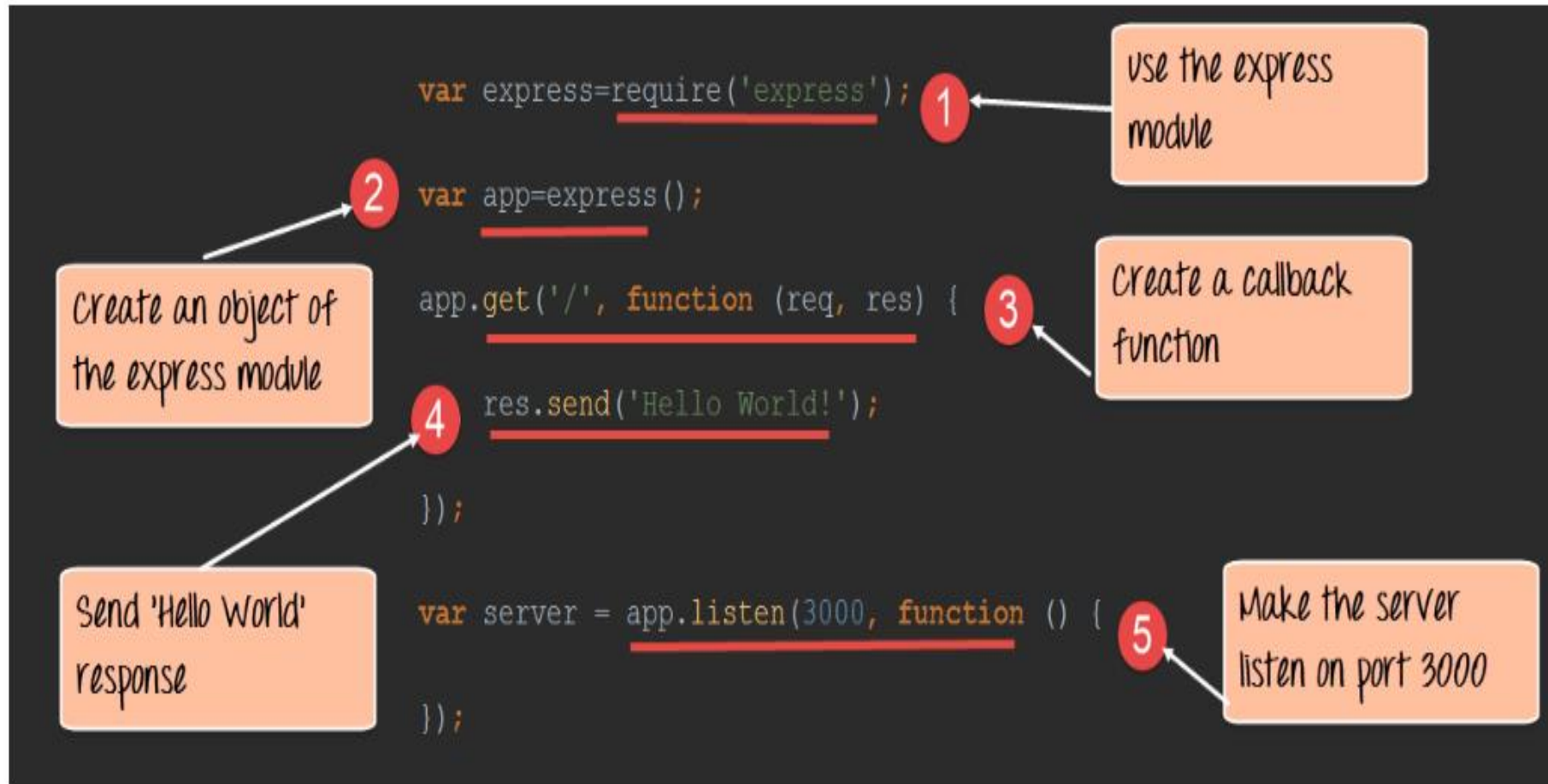
Following is the list:

- body-parser:** This is a node.js middleware for handling JSON, Raw, Text and URL encoded form data. `npm install body-parser --save`
- cookie-parser:** It is used to parse Cookie header and populate req.cookies with an object keyed by the cookie names. `npm install cookie-parser --save`
- multer:** This is a node.js middleware for handling multipart/form-data.
`npm install multer --save`

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Install Express JS

Basic Server Syntax



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Basic Route Handling

- Handling requests/route is **simple**
- **app.get(), app.post(), app.put(), app.delete()** etc.
- Access to params, querystring, url parts etc
- **Express has routers** so we can store routes in separate files and export
- We can parse incoming data with **Body Parser**.

```
app.get('/', function(req, res) {  
  // Fetch from database  
  // Load pages  
  // Return JSON  
  // Full access to request & response  
});
```

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Building Application Stack



Building Application Stack

- What is MERN Stack?
- A stack is the mixture of technologies used to create Web applications.
- Any web application will be made utilizing various technologies like (frameworks, libraries, databases).
- The MERN stack is a JavaScript stack that is intended to make Application Development process smoother.

MERN Stack Components:

- **MongoDB:** A document-oriented, No-SQL database used to store the application data.
- **NodeJS:** The JavaScript runtime environment. Used to run JavaScript on a machine rather than in a browser.
- **ExpressJS:** A framework layered on top of NodeJS, used to build the backend of a site using NodeJS functions and structures.
- **ReactJS:** A library created by Facebook. It is used to build UI components that create the user interface of the single page web application.

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Building Application Stack



Benefits of MERN Stack

- Java script is the programming language utilized both for client side and server-side.
- For tech stack with different programming languages, developers need to find out how to interface them together. With the JavaScript stack, developers should be proficient in JavaScript and JSON.
- Using the MERN stack enables developers to build highly efficient web applications.

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Routing

- Routing refers to the mechanism for serving the client the content it has asked for.
- It is the most important aspects of your website or web services.
- Routing in Express is simple, flexible, and robust.
- A route specification consists of
 - An HTTP method (GET, POST, etc.),
 - A path specification that matches the request URI,
 - And the route handler.

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Routing

- The handler is passed in a request object and a response object.
- The request object can be inspected to get the various details of the request, and
- The response object's methods can be used to send the response to the client

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Routing

- Create an application using its root-level exported function
- ***const app = express();*** Set up routes using this app.
- To set up a route, use a function to indicate which HTTP method; for e.g., to handle the GET, PUT, DELETE etc.,
- To this function, pass the pattern to match and a function to deal with the request if it does match.

```
const app = express();
```

```
app.get('/hello', (req, res) => {  
  res.send('Hello World');  
});
```

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Request Matching

- The request's method is matched with the route method (e.g., the get function was called on app, indicating it should match only GET HTTP methods)
- The request URL with the path spec matches ('/hello'), then the handler is called.
- In other words, “If you receive a GET request to the URL */hello*, then execute *this piece of code.*”

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Request Matching

- The method and the path need not be very specific. E.g., `app.get()`, `app.post()`, `app.put()`, etc.,
- If you want to say “any method,” you could use `app.all()`.
- The path specification can also take regular expression-like patterns (like `/*do`) or regular expressions themselves.
- Regular expressions in paths are rarely used. Route *parameters in the path are used often*.
- They are named segments in the path specification that match a part of the URL.

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```

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app.get('/hello', (req, res) => {  
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});
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Route Parameters

- If a match occurs, the value in that part of the URL is supplied as a variable in the request object.

```
app.get('/customers/:customerId', ...
```

- The customer ID will be captured and supplied to the handler function as part of the request in `req.params`, with the name of the parameter as the key.
- `req.params.customerId` can have any value for each of these URLs and can have multiple parameters.
- For e.g., `/customers/:customerId/orders/:orderId`, to match a *customer's order*.

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Route Lookup

- Multiple routes can be set up to match different URLs and patterns.
- The router tries to match all routes in the order in which they are installed.
- If two routes are possible matches to a request, it will use the first defined one.
- Can define routes in the order of priority.

Route Lookup

When you add patterns its recommended to add more generic pattern *after the specific paths*.

- *For e.g, if you want to match everything that goes under /api/, that is, a pattern like /api/*,*
- *Add this route only after all the specific routes that handle paths such as /api/issues.*

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Handler Function

- Once a route is matched, the handler function is called.
- The parameters passed to the handler are a request object and a response object.

Request Objects

1. To access a parameter value we use ***req.params***.
`req.param(name [, defaultValue])`

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Request Objects

2. **req.query**: This holds a parsed query string.

- It's an object with keys: as the query string parameters and
- Values as the query string values.
- Multiple keys with the same name are converted to arrays, and
- Keys with a square bracket notation result in nested objects

```
{ key: value }
```

```
?key1=value1&key2=value2&key3=value3
```

(e.g., `order[status]=closed` can be accessed as `req.query.order.status`).

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Request Objects

3. *req.header, req.get(header):*

- The get method gives access to any header in the request.
- The header property is an object with all headers stored as key-value pairs.

4. *req.path:*

The path for which the middleware function is invoked; can be any of:

- A string representing a path.
- A path pattern.
- A regular expression pattern to match paths.
- An array of combinations of any of the above.

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Request Objects

5. *req.url, req.originalURL:*

- Contain the complete URL, including the query string.
- If any middleware modifies the request URL, originalURL retains the original URL as it was received, *before the modification*.

6. *req.body:*

- Contains key-value pairs of data submitted in the request body.
- By default, it is undefined, and is populated when you use body-parsing middleware is installed to read and optionally interpret or parse the body.

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Response Objects

The *res* object represents the HTTP response that an Express app sends when it gets an HTTP request.

```
res.send('<p>some html</p>')
```

1. **res.send(body):** Sends the HTTP response.
 - If the body is an object or an array, it is automatically converted to a JSON string with an appropriate content type.

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Response Objects

The *res* object represents the HTTP response that an Express app sends when it gets an HTTP request.

2. *res.status(code)*: This sets the response status code.
 - If not set, it is defaulted to 200 OK.
 - One common way of sending an error is by combining the `status()` and `send()` methods in a single call like `res.status(403).send("Access Denied")`.

```
res.status(400).send('Bad Request')
```


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Response Objects

3. ***res.json(object)***: Sends a JSON response

- This method sends a response (with the correct content-type) that is the parameter converted to a JSON string using [JSON.stringify\(\)](#).
- The parameter can be any JSON type, including object, array, string, Boolean, number, or null

```
res.json({ user: 'tobi' })
```

Response Objects

4. *res.sendFile(path):*

- This responds with the contents of the file at path.
- The content type of the response is guessed using the extension of the file.

```
res.sendFile('/uploads/' + uid + '/' + file)
```

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EXPRESSJS: Middleware



- An Express application is a series of middleware function calls.
- Router is nothing but a middleware function.
- Middleware functions have access to the request and response object (req,res), and the next middleware function in the application's request response cycle.
- The next middleware function is commonly denoted by a variable named **next**.
- **next** is the only built-in middleware (other than the router) available as part of Express.

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Middleware



- Middleware can be at
 - The application level (i.e.,, applies to all requests) or
 - The router level (applies to specific request path patterns).
- The Middleware at the application level can be used like this:
`app.use(middlewareFunction);`
- The static middleware that knows the location of static files to serve.

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Middleware



- In order to use the same middleware in a route-specific way, you define as: **`app.use('/public', express.static('static'));`**
- This would have mounted the static files on the path /public and all static files would have to be accessed with the prefix /public,
- For e.g.,: /public/index.html.

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Middleware



- The **express.static** generator function generates one such middleware function.
- This middleware responds to a request by trying to match the request URL with a file under a directory specified by the parameter to the generator function.
- If a file exists,
 - It returns the contents of the file as the response; else
 - It chains to the next middleware function.
- The middleware is *mounted on the application using the application's use() method.*

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MIDDLEWARE



Express JS

- The middleware generator takes the parameter static to indicate that this is the directory where all the static files reside.

```
const express = require('express');

const app = express();
app.use(express.static('static'));

app.listen(3000, function () {
  console.log('App started on port 3000');
});
```

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Express JS

- The ***express.static*** generator function generates one such middleware function.
- Helps to serve static files

```
const express = require('express');
const path = require('path');

const app = express();

//set static folder
app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, 'public')));

const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;

app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
```


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Express JS

- Created a public folder and added index.html and about.html.
- Parameter static to indicate that this is the directory where all the static files reside

```
log X package.json X issues.js X new 1 X myapp.js X index.html X about.html X
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="ie=edge">
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/style.css"/>
    <title>My website</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>My Website!!!</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

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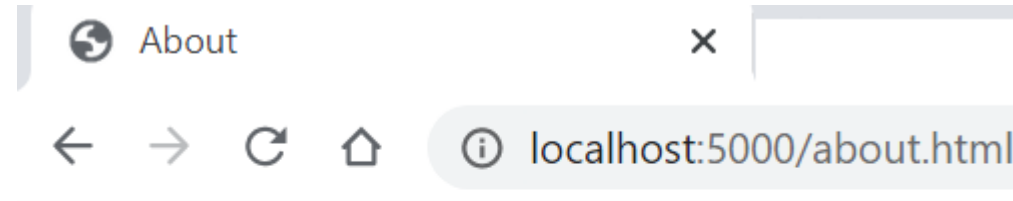
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<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="ie=edge">
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/style.css"/>
    <title>About</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>About homepage</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

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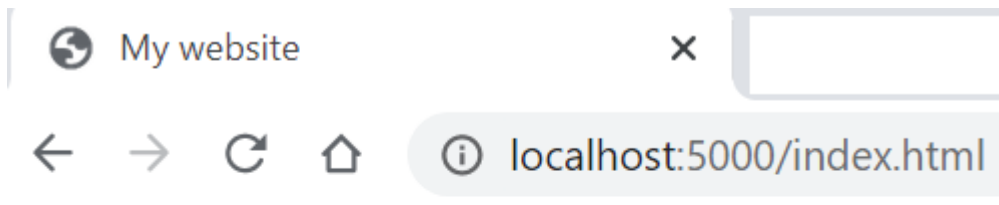
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- Output in the browser



About homepage



My Website!!!

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MIDDLEWARE



Express JS

- To use a middleware at the application level supply the function to the application,
app.use(middlewareFunction);
- To use the same middleware in a route-specific way, you could have done the following:
app.use('/public', express.static('static'));
- This would have mounted the static files on the path /public and all static files would have to be accessed with the prefix /public, for example, /public/index.html.

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- The **JSON parser middleware** is created using ***bodyParser.json()***, and is mounted at the application level using ***app.use()***.
- The middleware ***bodyParser*** looks at the Content-Type header and determines if and how the body can be parsed.
- For JSON, the default content type is ***application/json***.
- In the absence of this header, ***bodyParser*** does not parse the request body, and the variable ***req.body*** ends up as an empty object.

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- Initializing a middleware called logger which will print Hello in the console when a request is made.

```
nge.log x package.json x issues.js x new 1 x myapp.js x myapp_copy x
const express = require('express');
const path = require('path');

const app = express();

const logger=(req,res,next)=>{
  console.log('Hello');
  next();
};
//init middleware
app.use(logger);

//set static folder
app.use(express.static(path.join (__dirname,'public')));

//issues API routes..
app.use('/api/issues', require('./routes/api/issues'));

const PORT = process.env.PORT ||5000;

app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(`Server started on port:${PORT}`));
```

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- To use cookies with Express, we will require the **cookie-parser**.
- cookie-parser is a middleware which **parses cookies attached to the client request object**.
- To use it, we will require it in our main file (**index.js**); this can be used the same way as we use other middleware.

```
var cookieParser = require('cookie-parser');  
app.use(cookieParser());
```

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- Cookie-parser parses Cookie header and populates **req.cookies** with an object keyed by the cookie names.
- To set a new cookie, let us define a new route in your Express app like:

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
app.get('/', function(req, res){
  //Sets name = express
  res.cookie('name', 'express').send('cookie set');
});
app.listen(5000);
```


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Adding Cookies with Expiration Time

- To add a cookie that expires, just pass an object with property 'expire' set to the time when you want it to expire.
- E.g., //Expires after 360000 ms from the time it is set.
- res.cookie(name, 'value', {expire: 360000 + Date.now()});***
- Another way to set expiration time is using '**maxAge**' property.
- Using this property, we can provide relative time instead of absolute time.
- E.g.,//This cookie also expires after 360000 ms from the time it is set.
- res.cookie(name, 'value', {maxAge: 360000});***

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Deleting Existing Cookies

- To delete a cookie, use the clearCookie function.
- For example, if you need to clear a cookie named **foo**, use the following code.

```
var express = require('express');  
var app = express();  
app.get('/clear_cookie_foo', function(req, res){  
  res.clearCookie('foo');  
  res.send('cookie foo cleared'); });  
app.listen(5000);
```

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cookieParser(secret, options)

- Create a new cookie parser middleware function using the given secret and options.
- **secret** a string or array used for signing cookies.
- This is optional and if not specified, will not parse signed cookies.
- If a string is provided, this is used as the secret.
- If an array is provided, an attempt will be made to unsign the cookie with each secret in order.
- **options** an object that is passed to cookie.parse as the second option.
- **decode** a function to decode the value of the cookie

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- **cookieParser(secret, options)**

- The middleware will parse the Cookie header on the request and expose the cookie data as the property req.cookies and, if a secret was provided, as the property req.signedCookies.
- These properties are name value pairs of the cookie name to cookie value.
- When secret is provided, this module will unsign and validate any signed cookie values and move those name value pairs from req.cookies into req.signedCookies.

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- **cookieParser(secret, options)**

- A signed cookie is a cookie that has a value prefixed with s:.
- Signed cookies that fail signature validation will have the value false instead of the tampered value.
- In addition, this module supports special "JSON cookies".
- These are cookie where the value is prefixed with j:.
- When these values are encountered, the value will be exposed as the result of JSON.parse.
- If parsing fails, the original value will remain.

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cookieParser.JSONCookie(str)

Parse a cookie value as a JSON cookie.

This will return the parsed JSON value if it was a JSON cookie, otherwise, it will return the passed value.

cookieParser.JSONCookies(cookies)

Given an object, this will iterate over the keys and call JSONCookie on each value, replacing the original value with the parsed value.

This returns the same object that was passed in.

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cookieParser.signedCookie(str, secret)

- Parse a cookie value as a signed cookie.
- This will return the parsed unsigned value if it was a signed cookie and the signature was valid.
- If the value was not signed, the original value is returned.
- If the value was signed but the signature could not be validated, false is returned.
- The secret argument can be an array or string.
- If a string is provided, this is used as the secret.
- If an array is provided, an attempt will be made to unsign the cookie with each secret in order.

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cookieParser.signedCookies(cookies, secret)

- Given an object, this will iterate over the keys and check if any value is a signed cookie.
- If it is a signed cookie and the signature is valid, the key will be deleted from the object and added to the new object that is returned.
- The secret argument can be an array or string. If a string is provided, this is used as the secret.
- If an array is provided, an attempt will be made to unsign the cookie with each secret in order.

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COOKIES-example



```
var express = require('express');
var cookieParser = require('cookie-parser');
var app = express();
app.use(cookieParser());

app.get('/cookieset',function(req, res){
  res.cookie('cookie_name', 'cookie_value');
  res.cookie('company', 'Expresscookie');
  res.cookie('name', 'jj');
  // cookie with expiration date /res.cookie(name, 'value', {maxAge: 360000});
  //res.cookie('name', 'jj',{expire:360000 + Date.now()});
  res.status(200).send('Cookie is set');
});
```

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```
app.get('/cookieget', function(req, res) {  
  res.status(200).send(req.cookies);  
});  
app.get('/', function (req, res) {  
  res.status(200).send('Welcome to creating express cookies !');  
});  
app.get('/cookieclear',function (req, res) {  
  res.status(200).send('cookie cleared !');  
});  
app.listen(3000, ()=>console.log("server is listening."))
```

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SCAFFOLDING



- Scaffolding is a technique that is supported by some MVC frameworks.
- Scaffolding facilitates the programmers to specify how the application data may be used. This specification is used by the frameworks with predefined code templates, to generate the final code that the application can use for CRUD operations (create, read, update and delete database entries).
- An Express.js scaffold supports candy and more web projects based on Node.js.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgUjBWmrgjg> (watch this video for reference)

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```
npm install express-scaffold
```

After this step, execute the following command to install express generator:

```
npm install -g express-generator
```

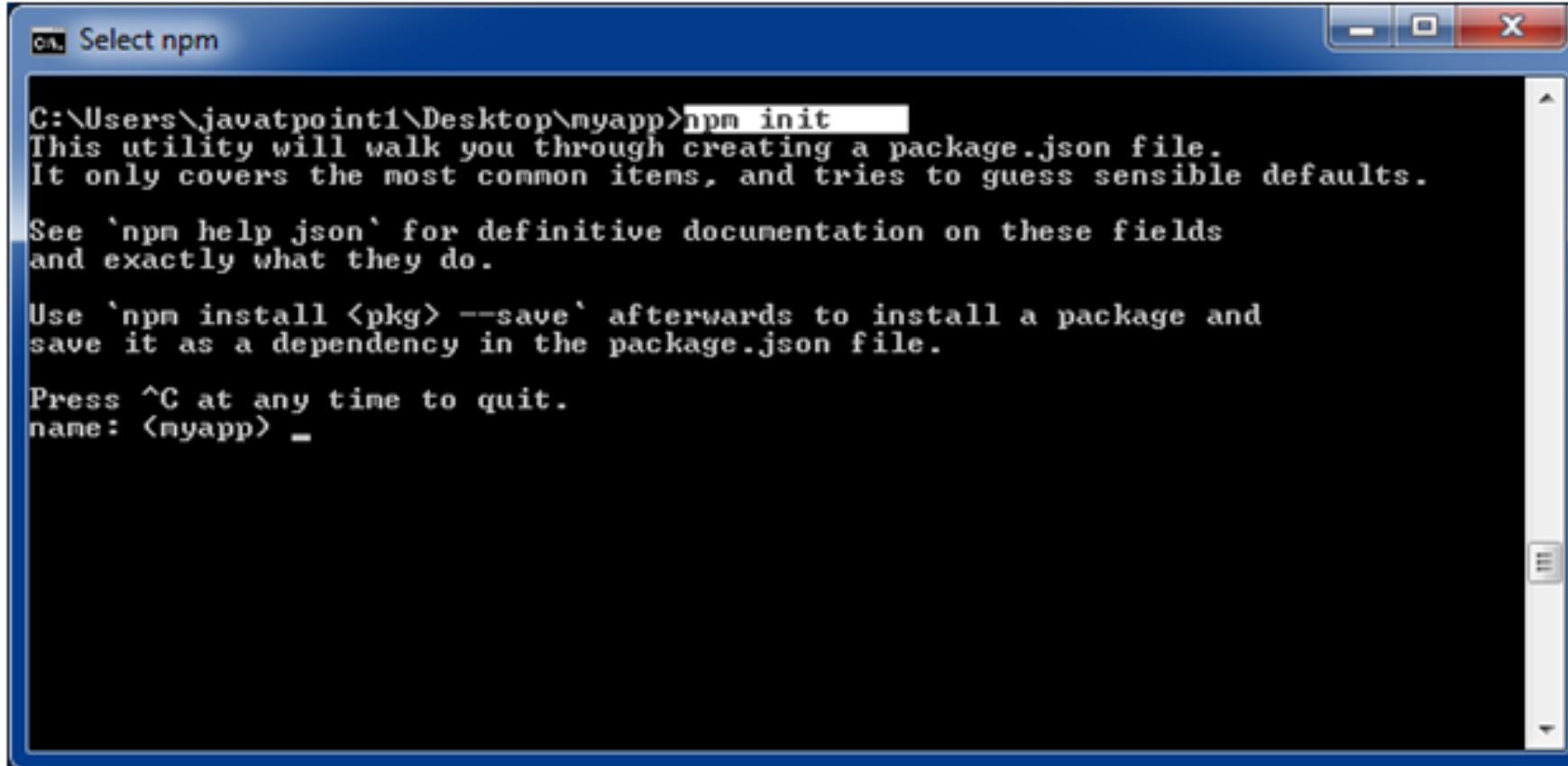
First create a directory named myapp. Create a file named app.js in the myapp directory

```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();
app.get('/', function (req, res) {
  res.send('Welcome to express scaffold')
});
app.listen(8000, function () {
  console.log('Example app listening on port 8000!');
});
```

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- Open Node.js command prompt, go to myapp and run npm init command.
- Fill the entries and press enter.



```

C:\Users\javatpoint1\Desktop\myapp>npm init
This utility will walk you through creating a package.json file.
It only covers the most common items, and tries to guess sensible defaults.

See `npm help json` for definitive documentation on these fields
and exactly what they do.

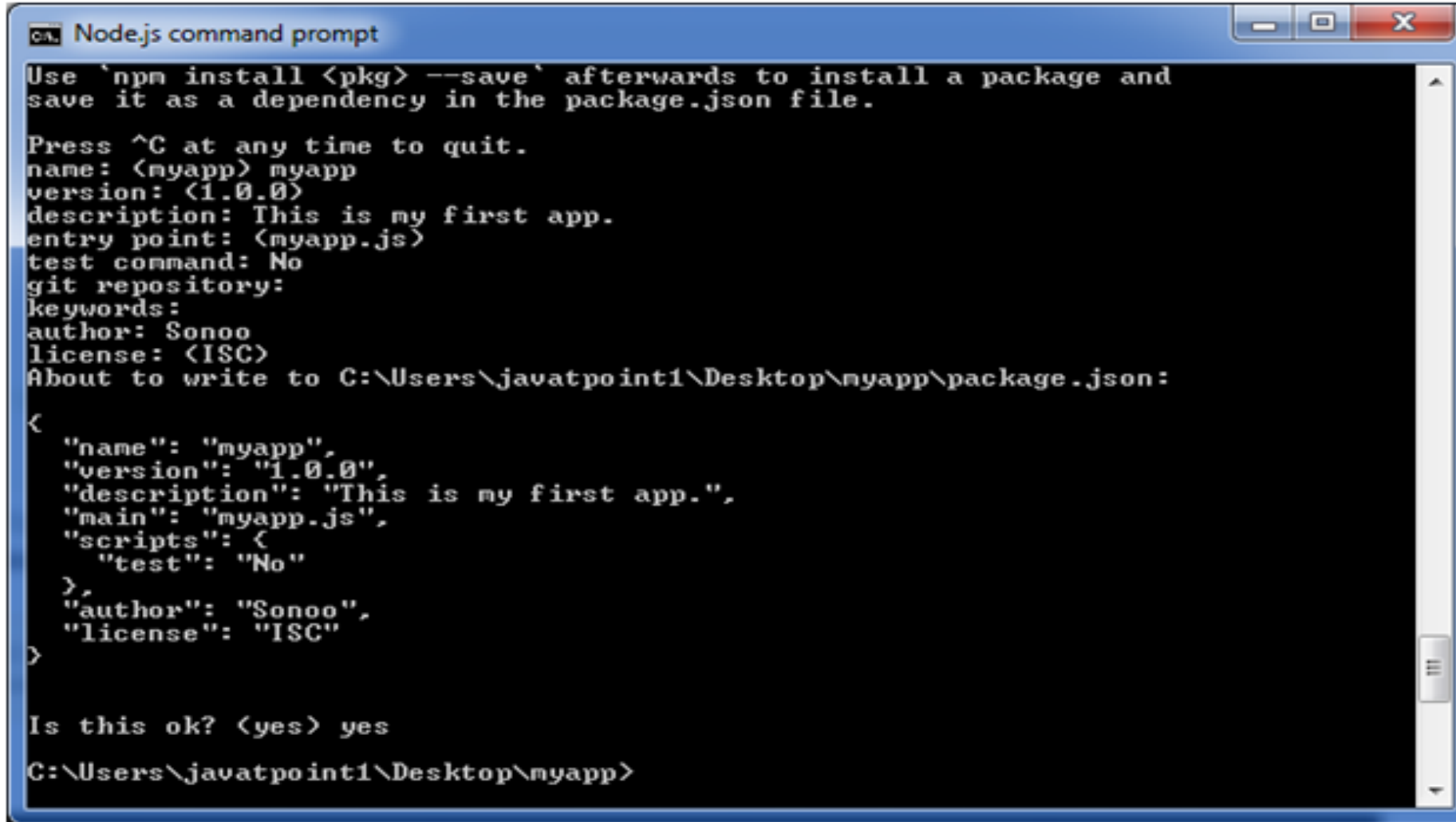
Use `npm install <pkg> --save` afterwards to install a package and
save it as a dependency in the package.json file.

Press ^C at any time to quit.
name: (myapp) _
```

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- Fill the entries and press enter.



```
Node.js command prompt

Use `npm install <pkg> --save` afterwards to install a package and
save it as a dependency in the package.json file.

Press ^C at any time to quit.
name: <myapp> myapp
version: <1.0.0>
description: This is my first app.
entry point: <myapp.js>
test command: No
git repository:
keywords:
author: Sonoo
license: <ISC>
About to write to C:\Users\javatpoint1\Desktop\myapp\package.json:

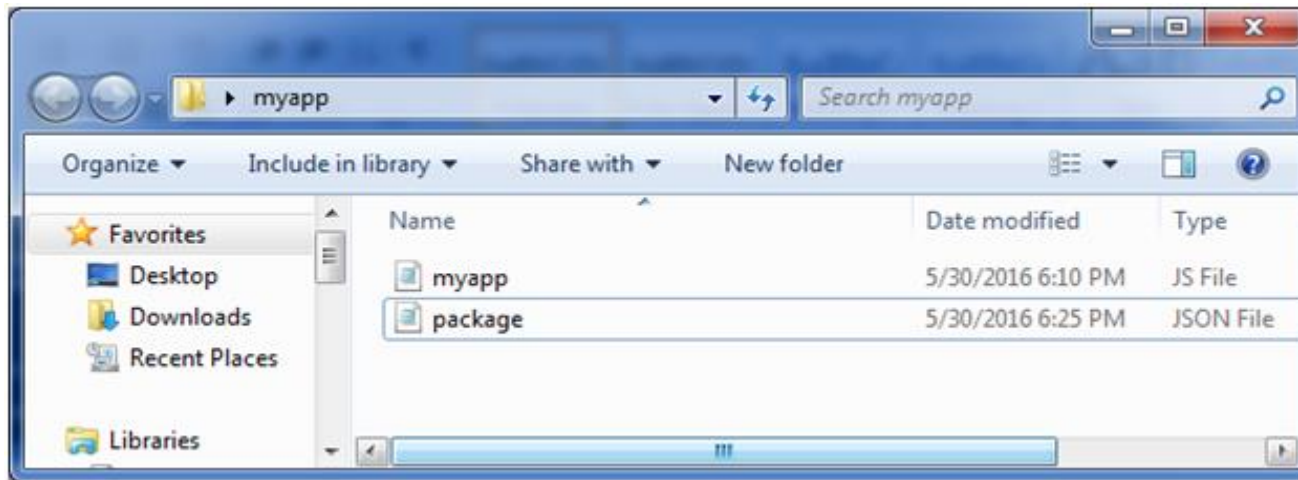
{
  "name": "myapp",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "This is my first app.",
  "main": "myapp.js",
  "scripts": {
    "test": "No"
  },
  "author": "Sonoo",
  "license": "ISC"
}

Is this ok? <yes> yes
C:\Users\javatpoint1\Desktop\myapp>
```

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It will create a package.json file in myapp folder and the data is shown in JSON format.



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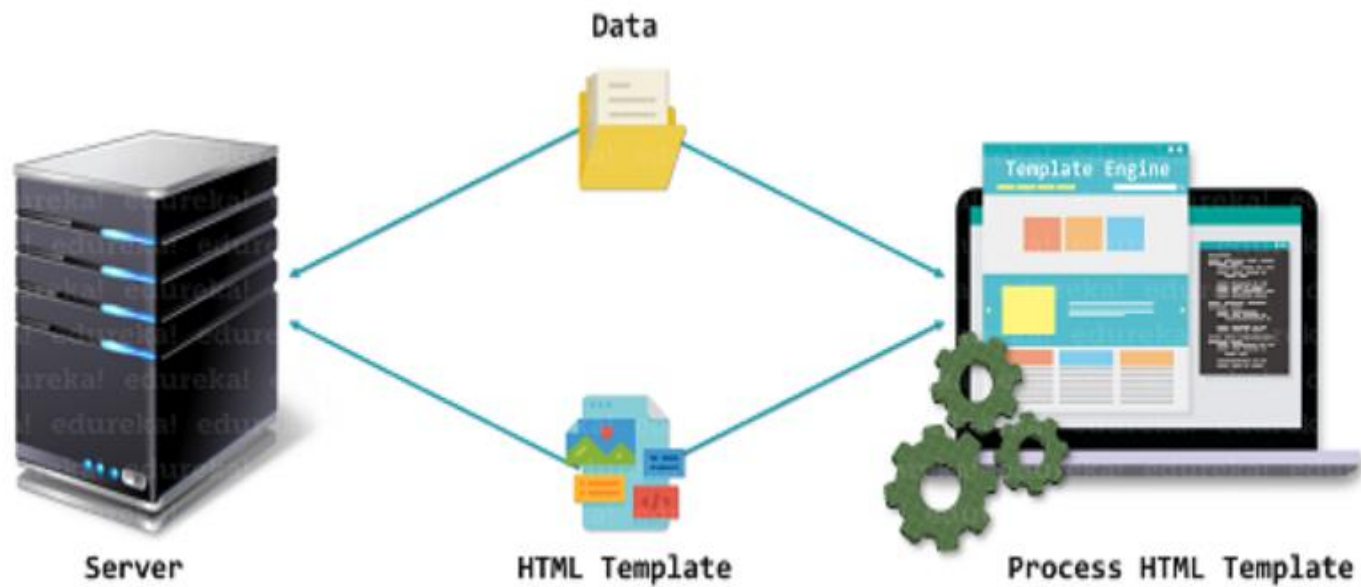
EXPRESS TEMPLATE



- Template engine allows you to use static template files in your applications.
- At runtime, the template engine
 - replaces variables in a template file with actual values, and
 - transforms the template into an HTML file sent to the client.
- This approach makes it easier to design an HTML page.
- Express does not have a template engine built in, but it supports any template engine of your choice such as pug, mustache and EJS

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EXPRESS TEMPLATE



@ <https://www.edureka.co/blog/expressjs-tutorial/>

Template engine makes you able to use static template files in your application. To render template files you have to set the following application setting properties:

Views: It specifies a directory where the template files are located.

For example: `app.set('views', './views')`.

view engine: It specifies the template engine that you use. For example, to use the Pug template engine: `app.set('view engine', 'pug')`.

Pug Template Engine

Pug is a template engine for Node.js. Pug uses whitespaces and indentation as the part of the syntax.

```
npm install pug --save
```

Pug template must be written inside .pug file and all .pug files must be put inside views folder in the root folder of Node.js application.

By default Express.js searches all the views in the views folder under the root folder. you can also set to another folder using views property in express.

For example: `app.set('views','MyViews')`.

Create a file named index.pug file inside views folder and write the following pug template in it:

```
doctype html
```

```
html
```

```
  head
```

```
    title A simple pug example
```

```
  body
```

```
    h1 This page is produced by pug template engine
```

```
    p some paragraph here..
```

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EXPRESS TEMPLATE

Create a file as server.js

```
var express = require('express');  
var app = express();  
//set view engine  
app.set("view engine","pug")  
app.get('/', function (req, res) {  
  res.render('view.pug', index);  
  res.render('index');  
});  
var server = app.listen(3000, function () {  
  console.log('Node server is running..');  
});
```



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FILE UPLOAD



1. install nodejs,make workspace directory and run the commands
Mkdir fileupload
Cd fileupload
Npm init –yes
2. Install required packages using npm
npm install –save express multer body-parser ejs
npm install –g nodemon(use to run app.js automatically everytime changes are done to the file)
3. Create app.js file and add the following code and run npm start/nodemon app
4. Define view engine with ejs /public path/view files path/bodyparser
5. Define and configure Multer storage
6. Define index path with '/' and HTML file
7. Define file upload function in app.js
8. Run a server and check in browser using npm start command
9. Define a image upload form with file input.

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Express JS

- Simple express middleware for uploading files.
- ***npm i express-fileupload***

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress>npm i express -fileupload
npm WARN myexpress@1.0.0 No repository field.
npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@2.1.3 (node_modules\fsevents):
npm WARN notsup SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: Unsupported platform for fsevents@2.1.3: wanted {"os":"darwin","arch":"any"} (current: {"os":"win32","arch":"x64"})

+ express@4.17.1
updated 1 package and audited 180 packages in 7.902s

8 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities

C:\Users\Aisha Begum\express\myexpress>
```

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Express JS

- When you upload a file, the file will be accessible from `req.files`
- It is similar to `req.body` and is turned on either by `express.bodyParser()` or `express.multipart()` middlewares.
- Express.js (and other modules behind the scene) process the request data (which is usually a form) and give us extensive information in the `req.files.FIELD_NAME` object.

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To illustrate how req.files works, let's add this route to the req project:

```
app.post('/upload', function(req, res){  
  console.log(req.files.archive);  
  //read req.files.archive.path  
  //process the data  
  //save the data  
  res.end();  
})
```

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Example:

- You're uploading a file called **car.jpg**
- Your input's name field is **foo**: `<input name="foo" type="file" />`
- In your express server request, you can access your uploaded file from `req.files.foo`:

```
app.post('/upload', function(req, res) {  
  console.log(req.files.foo); // the uploaded file object  
});
```

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The **req.files.foo** object will contain the following:

req.files.foo.name: "car.jpg"

req.files.foo.mv: A function to move the file elsewhere on your server. Can take a callback or return a promise.

req.files.foo.mimetype: The mimetype of your file

req.files.foo.data: A buffer representation of your file, returns empty buffer in case useTempFiles option was set to true.

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The **req.files.foo** object will contain the following:

req.files.foo.tempFilePath: A path to the temporary file in case useTempFiles option was set to true.

req.files.foo.truncated: A boolean that represents if the file is over the size limit

req.files.foo.size: Uploaded size in bytes

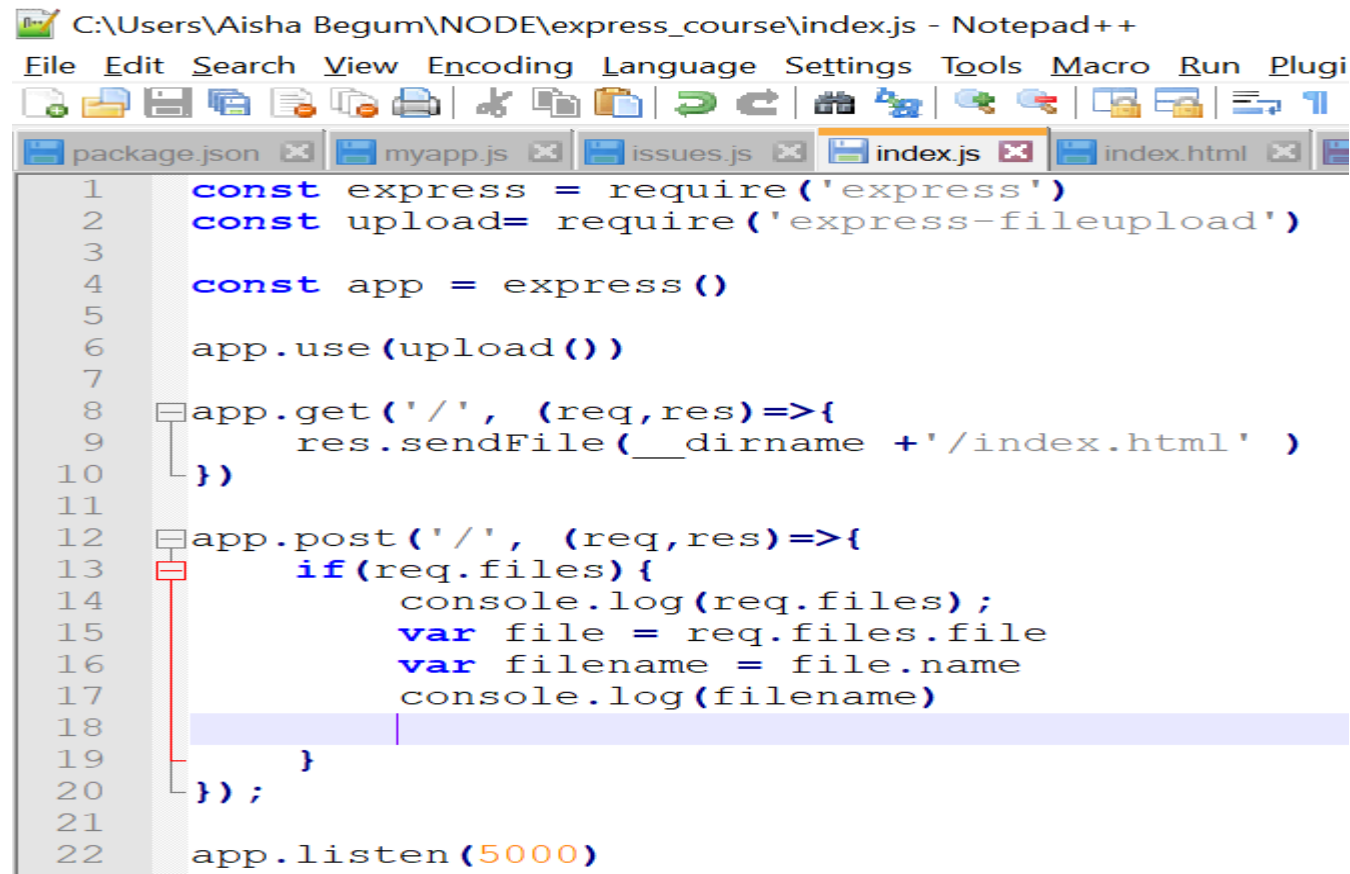
req.files.foo.md5: MD5 checksum of the uploaded file

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Index.js for printing out the file name and details of uploaded file



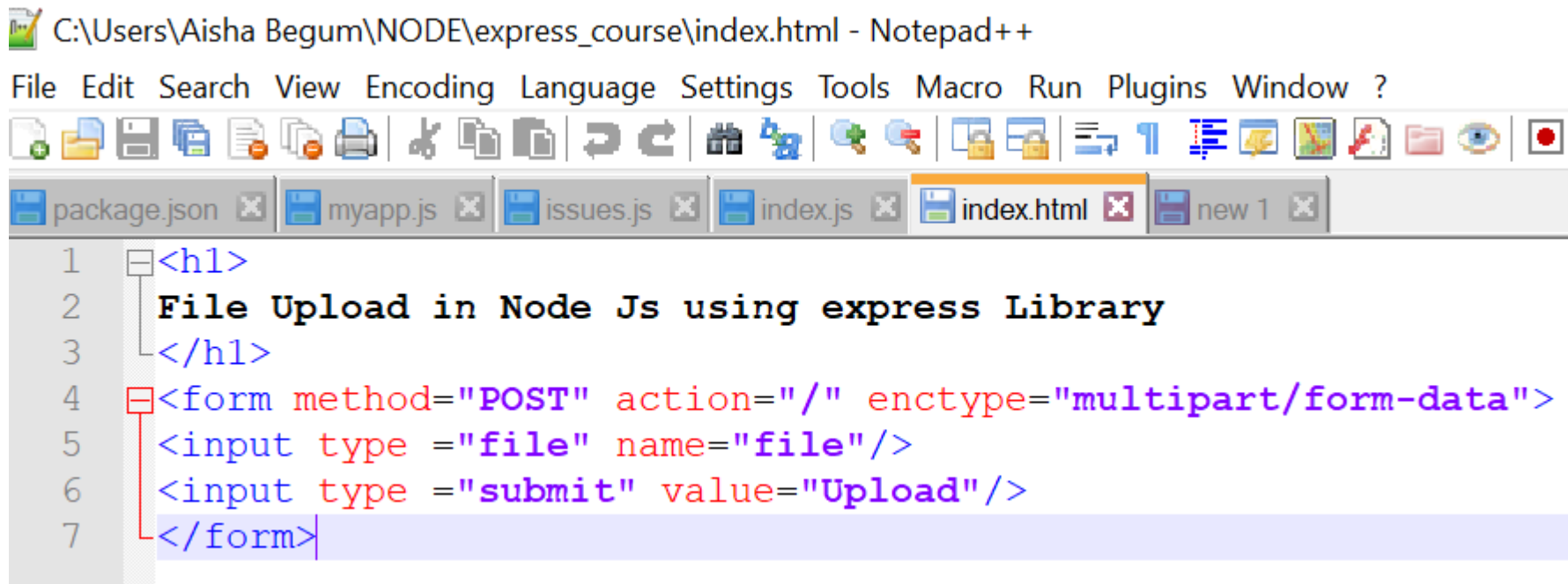
```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\NODE\express_course\index.js - Notepad++
File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugi
package.json x myapp.js x issues.js x index.js x index.html x
1  const express = require('express')
2  const upload= require('express-fileupload')
3
4  const app = express()
5
6  app.use(upload())
7
8  app.get('/', (req,res)=>{
9      res.sendFile(__dirname +'/index.html' )
10 })
11
12 app.post('/', (req,res)=>{
13     if(req.files){
14         console.log(req.files);
15         var file = req.files.file
16         var filename = file.name
17         console.log(filename)
18     }
19 }
20 });
21
22 app.listen(5000)
```

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Express JS

Index.html: as simple file upload script shown as below:



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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

package.json x myapp.js x issues.js x index.js x index.html x new 1 x

```
1 <h1>
2   File Upload in Node Js using express Library
3 </h1>
4 <form method="POST" action="/" enctype="multipart/form-data">
5   <input type="file" name="file"/>
6   <input type="submit" value="Upload"/>
7 </form>
```

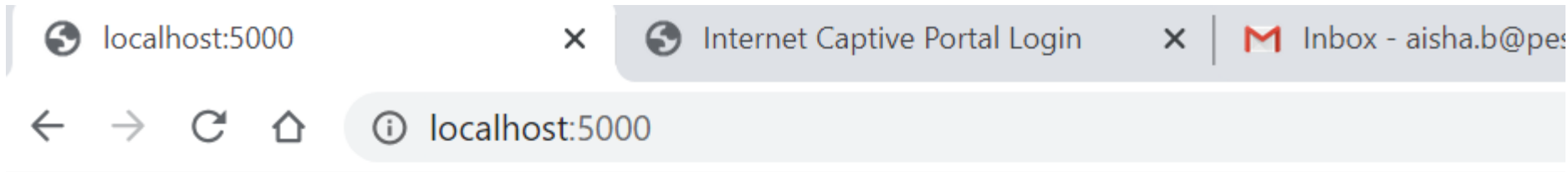
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Express JS

In browser when we type the url: `http://localhost:5000`



File Upload in Node Js using express Library

No file chosen

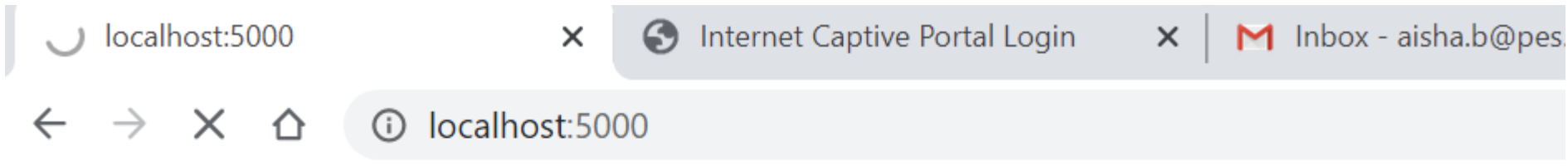
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FILE UPLOAD

Express JS

In browser when we type the url: <http://localhost:5000> and choose file.

Here I have chosen images.jpg



File Upload in Node Js using express Library

images.jpg

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Express JS

Upload a file then you can see the details in the command prompt about the file

```
C:\Users\Aisha Begum\NODE\express_course>node index
{
  file: {
    name: 'images.jpg',
    data: <Buffer ff d8 ff e0 00 10 4a 46 49 46 00 01 01 00 00 01 00 01 00 00 ff db 00 84 00 09 06 07 13 13 12 15 13 13 13 15 16 15 17 17 1d 1a 18 18 18 18 1b 1d 1d 18 ...
10523 more bytes>,
    size: 10573,
    encoding: '7bit',
    tempFilePath: '',
    truncated: false,
    mimetype: 'image/jpeg',
    md5: '0627265b42b7f89b5db7a4cb9925bd08',
    mv: [Function: mv]
  }
}
images.jpg
```

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Express JS

Create a file for upload in the root folder.

The uploaded files will be saved in the created folder

Local Disk (C:) > Users > Aisha Begum > NODE > express_course

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
middleware	06-06-2020 12:14	File folder	
node_modules	22-06-2020 15:02	File folder	
public	06-06-2020 11:27	File folder	
routes	06-06-2020 12:36	File folder	
uploads	22-06-2020 15:09	File folder	
index	22-06-2020 15:03	Chrome HTML Docu...	1 KB
index	23-06-2020 11:44	JavaScript File	1 KB
Members	06-06-2020 11:59	JavaScript File	1 KB
package.json	22-06-2020 15:02	JSON File	1 KB
package-lock.json	22-06-2020 15:02	JSON File	53 KB

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Using file.mv method we will be storing the file in the created folder

```
package.json  myapp.js  issues.js  index.js  index.html  new I
const express = require('express')
const upload= require('express-fileupload')

const app = express()

app.use(upload())

app.get('/', (req,res)=>{
  res.sendFile(__dirname + '/index.html' )
})

app.post('/', (req,res)=>{
  if(req.files){
    console.log(req.files);
    var file = req.files.file
    var filename = file.name
    console.log(filename)
    file.mv('./uploads/' + filename,function(err){
      if(err){
        res.send(err)
      }else {
        res.send("File Uploaded")
      }
    })
  }
})

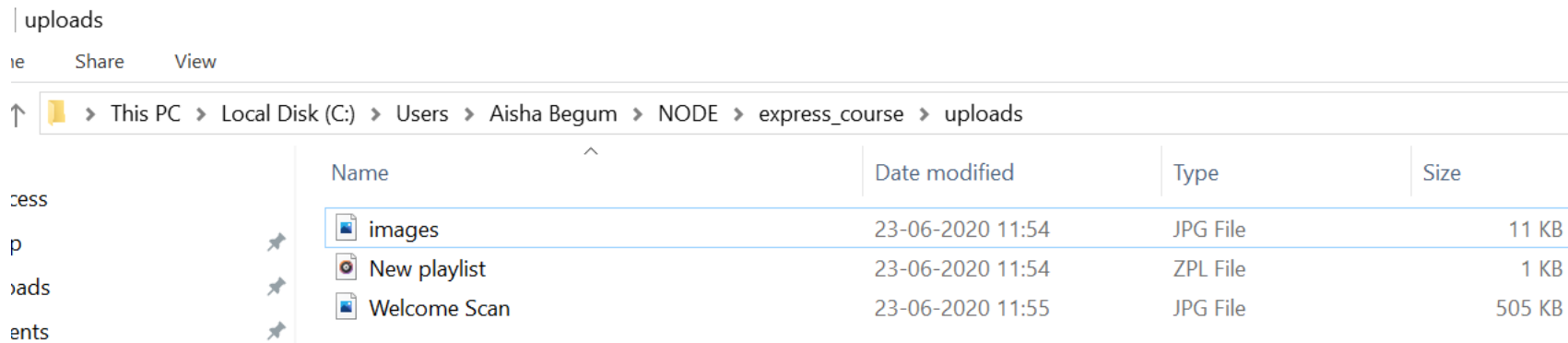
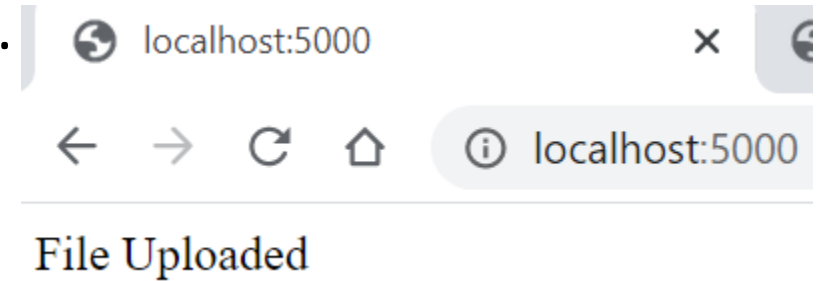
app.listen(5000)
```

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FILE UPLOAD

Express JS

In the browser you can see that file has been uploaded and when u check the uploads folder you can see that file has been uploaded.
The file upload can be on any type



Error handling in Express is done using middleware. But this middleware has special properties. The error handling middleware are defined in the same way as other middleware functions, except that error-handling functions **MUST have four arguments instead of three – err, req, res, next.**

EG - to send a response on any error, we can use –

```
app.use(function(err, req, res, next) {  
  console.error(err.stack);  
  res.status(500).send('Something broke!');  
});
```

The error handling middleware allows us to separate our error logic and send responses accordingly. The `next()` method we discussed in middleware takes us to next middleware/route handler.

For error handling, we have the `next(err)` function. A call to this function skips all middleware and matches us to the next error handler for that route.

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EXPRESS ERROR HANDLING



```
var express = require('express');
var app = express();

app.get('/', function(req, res){
  //Create an error and pass it to the next function
  var err = new Error("Something went wrong");
  next(err);
});

/* other route handlers and middleware here */

//An error handling middleware
app.use(function(err, req, res, next){
  res.status(500);
  res.send("Oops, something went wrong.")
});

app.listen(3000);
```

This error handling middleware can be strategically placed after routes or contain conditions to detect error types and respond to the clients accordingly.



THANK YOU

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